

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-38 are pending in the present application.

Claims 30 and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, as being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner has noted that the abbreviations "SF" and "FS" are not defined. Applicant has amended claims 30 and 35 to further clarify the abbreviations therein. Support for the amendment can be found, for example, in paragraph [0019] of the specification. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, be withdrawn with respect to claims 30 and 35.


Claims 1-38 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 of United States Patent No. 6,751,112 B2. Applicant has enclosed a timely filed terminal disclaimer (i.e., a three-page document entitled "TERMINAL DISCLAIMER") in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.312(c). It is believed that the terminal disclaimer overcomes the double patenting rejection. It is therefore respectfully requested that the double patenting rejection be withdrawn with respect to claims 1-38.

In view of at least the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims 1-38 are in condition for allowance. Should anything remain in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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